

Claim 14, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 17, line 1, delete "claim 17" and insert --claim 16--.

Claim 18, line 1, delete "17" and insert --16--.

Claim 19, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of the claims 17 to 19" and insert --claim 16--.

Claim 20, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of the claims 17 to 19" and insert --claim 16--.

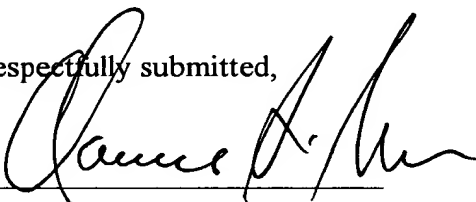
Claim 21, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of the claims 17 to 19" and insert --claim 16--.

Claim 22, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of the claims 17 to 19" and insert --claim 16--.

REMARKS

Please enter this preliminary amendment prior to calculation of the fees.

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